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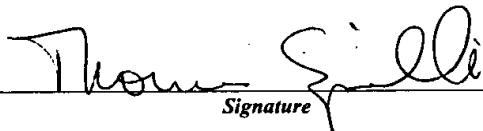
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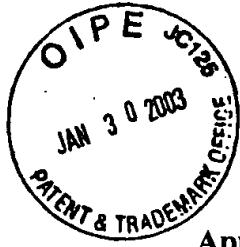
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A locating system comprising:
a position-determining system;

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at least one data carrier located in an area, the at least one data carrier including a position sensor, a transmitter and a receiver;

an information unit which is remote from the at least one data carrier for storing area information and transmitting the area information to the at least one data carrier;

wherein said at least one data carrier transmits its position to the information unit only in the case of initialization and movement of the at least one data carrier from the area and wherein a third party interrogates the information unit for the position of the at least one data carrier.

2. (Amended) A locating system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the at least one data carrier has a receiver for receiving area boundaries corresponding to the area, and a memory for storing the area boundaries and absolute position data, and a comparator for comparing the position data with the area information when the transmitter transmits the boundaries of the area to the at least one data carrier.

3. (Amended) A method of locating an object provided with a data carrier located in an area, the method comprising:

the data carrier receiving position data from a position-determining system;

the data carrier transmitting position data to an information unit;

allocating the position data to an area in the information unit;

transmitting the boundaries of the area to the data carrier;

upon each movement of the data carrier comparing a position of the data carrier with the boundaries of the area;